GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:378
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2005
ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS CAMPAIGN
Athawale Shri Ramdas;Yadav Shri Anirudh Prasad (Sadhu)

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated any campaign for environmental awareness in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the expenditure involved therein ;

(c) whether the Government has set up/proposes to set up Eco-clubs in schools in all the States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 378 FOR 19.12.2005 REGARDING ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS CAMPAIGN BY SHRI RAMADAS ATHAWALE AND SHRI ANIRUDH PRASAD alias SADHU YADAV.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)A nation wide campaign called the National Environment Awareness Campaign

(NEAC) was launched in mid 1986 with the objective of creating environmental awareness at the national level. In this campaign, nominal financial assistance is provided to NGOs, schools, colleges, universities, research institutions, women and youth organisations, army units, government departments etc. from all over the country for organizing and conducting awareness raising activities. During the year 2004-05, financial assistance of Rs, 421 lakhs was provided to 7588 organisations through out the country for this purpose.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Eco-clubs have been set up by the Government in the schools under the National Green Corps (NGC) Programme since 2000-01, with underlined objective of spreading environmental awareness amongst school children. These clubs are set up in each district the country over, with the focus on action oriented environment programme through the active involvement of the students. Though State Govts./UTs are at liberty to set up any number of eco-club in a district but the financial assistance under the Programme is restricted to 150 eco-clubs per district. During 2004-05, financial assistance amounting to Rs. 6,96,82,830/- was released to support 68125 eco-clubs throughout the country.